Justice Reinvestment Advisory Board



Location: Virtual Meeting Access - <u>meet.google.com/mmb-kodj-bjz</u>

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

• Introductions and Member Updates

- Juliana Palmer, Director of Justice Reinvestment, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS)
- Carly Seidman, Justice Reinvestment Intern, GOCPYVS
- o Michelle Hughes, Representative of Victims of Sexual Assault
- o Melanie Shapiro, Public Policy Director, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
- Bill Gaertner, Gatekeepers
- Jennifer Hill, Interim Executive Director, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
- Yanet Amanuel, ACLU of Maryland
- Nicholas Katz, Legal Director, CASA de Maryland
- Jamin Ford, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

• Role of Advisory Board Moving Forward - Open Discussion

- Advisory Board shall serve as experts in different pieces related to JRA
- It would be helpful to hear what GOCPYVS is focusing on as well as the current activities
- Members would like to learn more about what we can do, how JRA is working, how individual agencies can better collaborate
- Members would also like to see what the Board has produced (i.e. Annual Reports)
- Action Item: increase collaboration and engagement among JRA groups:
 - What is the business being addressed by the Oversight Board and Local Commission?
 - How does the Advisory Board interact with the Oversight Board and Local?

Commission

- Help to identify agenda items for Oversight Board that address issues relevant to constituency (i.e. non-citizens and the impact of restitution).
- Action Item: produce overview of various JRA groups and define the purpose of JRA;
 outline current activities and goals of JRA from the State's point of view; identify what
 the Oversight Board is doing, prioritizing, and generally addressing

Workgroup Updates

- Workgroup to Study Partial Expungement
 - The Workgroup to Study Partial Expungement kicked off efforts in September 2021. Topics of discussion have involved technology; unintended consequences; processes; and timelines.
 - The Workgroup will ultimately study and develop a plan and legislative recommendations for enabling the expungement of criminal charges that are currently not eligible for expungement because of the requirements of § 10–107 of the Criminal Procedure Article.
- Restitution Workgroup
 - The Restitution Workgroup met in September for the first time since April.
 - The workgroup is in the process of determining which short-term goals outlined in the *Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board One-Time Victim Services Report on Restitution* to focus on moving forward.

Next Steps

 Survey to determine frequency of these meetings moving forward, as well as topic ideas for consideration at future meetings both at the Advisory Board level as well as the Oversight Board level.